

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for treating an emulsion comprising water and a lipophilic fluid, said process comprising the sequential steps of:
 - a. forming said emulsion by mixing at least a portion of said lipophilic fluid and at least a portion of said water to form said emulsion;
 - b. exposing a fabric to said emulsion and collecting said emulsion;
 - c. pretreating said emulsion, wherein said pretreating step is selected from the group comprising sedimentation, centrifugation, cyclonic action exposure, decantation, filtration, temperature modification, and combinations thereof;
 - d. recovering said lipophilic fluid from said emulsion, wherein said recovering step is selected from the group comprising mechanical coalescence, electric coalescence, chemical addition, membrane filtration, temperature modification, air stripping, microbial addition, absorbent material exposure, centrifugation, distillation, adsorption, absorption, crystallization, precipitation, diafiltration, electrolysis, extraction, pH modification, ionic strength modification, and combinations thereof; and
 - e. purifying said lipophilic fluid, wherein said purifying step is selected from the group consisting of distillation, extraction, stripping, enzyme addition, ion exchange, desiccant drying, adsorption, and combinations thereof.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) A process according to Claim 2 1 wherein said emulsion is formed prior to said exposing step.
4. (previously presented) A process according to Claim 1 wherein an emulsifier is added to said lipophilic fluid and said water to form said emulsion during said forming step.
5. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 2 1 wherein said collecting step comprises spinning said fabrics, said lipophilic fluid, and said water.

6. (currently amended) A method according to Claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein said collecting step comprises wringing said fabrics.
7. (currently amended) A method according to Claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein said collecting step comprises evaporating at least a portion of said lipophilic fluid and at least a portion of said water and condensing at least a portion of said lipophilic fluid and at least a portion of said water.
8. (canceled)
9. (previously presented) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said pretreating step comprises passing said emulsion through a filter such that particles and particle aggregates about 1 micron or larger are removed.
10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) A process according to Claim ~~10~~ 1 wherein said recovering step is adsorption which comprises exposing said emulsion to activated carbon.
12. (canceled)
13. (original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said emulsion comprises up to about 10% emulsifier by weight of the emulsion.
14. (original) A process according to Claim 13 wherein said emulsion comprises a water/combined lipophilic fluid and condensed lipophilic fluid vapor/emulsifier ratio of from about 1/98.9/0.1 to about 40/55/5 by weight of said emulsion.
15. (original) A process according to Claim 13 wherein said emulsifier comprises a surfactant.
16. (original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said lipophilic fluid comprises a linear siloxane, a cyclic siloxane, or mixtures thereof.

17. (original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said lipophilic fluid comprises a lipophilic fluid selected from the group consisting of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, and mixtures thereof.
18. (original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said lipophilic fluid comprises decamethylcyclopentasiloxane.
19. (original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said lipophilic fluid comprises decamethylcyclopentasiloxane and is substantially free of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane.
20. (original) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said emulsion also comprises adjunct ingredients selected from the group consisting of enzymes, bleaches, surfactants, fabric softeners, perfumes, antibacterial agents, antistatic agents, brighteners, dye fixatives, dye abrasion inhibitors, anti-croaking agents, wrinkle reduction agents, wrinkle resistance agents, soil release polymers, sunscreen agents, anti-fade agents, builders, sudsing agents, composition malodor control agents, composition coloring agents, pH buffers, waterproofing agents, soil repellency agents, and mixtures thereof.
21. (canceled)